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HER MAJESTY'S STATE PAPER OFFICE

By the King.

A Proclamation commanding persons of qualitie to reside in their Countreys.

WHereas by two former Proclamations, the one dated the twentieth of November and the other the two and twentieth of December last, we did publish and declare Our Royall pleasure concerning the repaire of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and of other persons of qualitie from the Cities of London and Westminster, and other parts adiacent, and from other Cities and Townes vnto their Countrey dwellings: we haue lately caused a diligent suruey and enquiry to be made in the Cities of London and Westminster, and the Suburbs of the same, whereby it appeared, That as many persons of qualitie and worth, both men and women, haue dutifully submitted to Our gracious Commandement, so diuers haue not onely neglected the same, but retiring for a time vnto some places in or neere the said Cities, where they secretly sojourne, or otherwise absent and conceale themselues onely to be out of the way of enquirie, doe endeauour to elude and frustrate Our sincere and Honourable intendments, whereat we aimed in both Our said Proclamations, which is the reuiuing and setling of Hospitalitie and good Gouernment in all the parts of this Our Kingdome. And therefore, as wee may not let passe the obedience of the one, without Our Gracious approbation and acceptance; so we cannot but giue notice to the other, that wee are sensible of their contempt, & that those subtilties and euasions, can neither hide them from the eye of Our prouidence, nor excuse them from the hand of Our Justice, which without Our greater clemencie, expecting their speedie reformation and conformitie, would soone seize and lay hold on them for their obstinacie and disobedience; And therefore we being fully resolued for the generall good of Our people to perfect that worke which wee haue (vpon such iust grounds and important reasons) begun, haue thought fit once more to admonish all such as haue not yet conformed to Our said Proclamations, That they immediatly yeeld obedience thereto by repairing with their families to their proper dwellings and habitations in the Countrey, as by Our former Proclamations they were enioyned, and that such as are at this present resident in their Countreys, doe there continue their habitations and families; And that all persons doe forbeare by sojourning in or about any Cities or Townes, or by any other euasions whatsoeuer, to endeauour the frustrating of the said Proclamations. And to the intent, that none should vpon hope of alteration of Our purpose either take or keepe houses in or about the Cities of London or Westminster with intent to withdraw themselues, their wiues or families thither from their habitations in the countrey in the winter next ensuing, we haue thought good to let them know, That we are fully determined to hold the same course then, which we haue formerly propounded, and therefore they being forewarned may so dispose of their affaires, as with least inconuenience to themselues they may performe Our Royall commandement, giuen by this and other Our former Proclamations.

Giuen at Our Court at New-Market the sixe and twentieth day of March, in the one and twentieth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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